The Golden Coins of Goodness

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Mansoor sat on the floor, counting his toy coins. He loved playing with them, pretending to be a great merchant.

Mansoor: Baba, I wish I had real golden coins. I would buy so many toys!

Baba (smiling): Mansoor, do you know there is a way to earn golden coins that are far more valuable than these?

Mansoor (excited): Really, Baba? How can I get them?

Baba: Through good deeds, my son. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said that when someone does a good deed, Allah rewards them ten times to seven hundred times more. But a bad deed is counted only as one.

Mansoor (eyes wide): Seven hundred times? That's a lot, Baba! How does it work?

Baba: Imagine if every good deed you did turned into golden coins in your book of deeds. If you help your mother, share your toys, or speak kindly, you earn many golden coins in Jannah. But if you do something wrong, only one coin is taken away. Isn't Allah Most Merciful?

Mansoor: That's amazing, Baba! But what if I forget and do something bad?

Baba: Allah loves when we realize our mistakes and say, "Astaghfirullah" (I seek Allah's forgiveness). When we ask sincerely, Allah forgives us, and our book becomes clean again.

Mansoor (smiling): So, if I help my little sister today, will I get golden coins?

Baba (nodding): Yes, my dear. And if you do it with a happy heart, your reward will be even greater.

Mansoor (jumping up): I want to fill my book with golden coins, Baba! I will be kind and helpful every day.

Baba (hugging Mansoor): That's the spirit, my son! May Allah bless you and help you always do good.